

**Fifteenth Annual/Business Meeting
Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc.
Thursday, June 15, 2016
6 PM**

Center for Hellenic Studies Paideia, 28 Dog Lane, Mansfield

DRAFT Minutes

1) Call to Order and Welcome

President Philip Lodewick called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm. Mr. Lodewick thanked Ilias Tomazos for again hosting the Partnership at the Center for Hellenic Studies Paideia. He thanked Partnership members for their great support and recognized the Town of Mansfield and the University of Connecticut for their on-going support. He also recognized major Partnership sponsors Karen and Bill Kennedy, LeylandAlliance, State Farm Insurance, Wilcox & Reynolds, and Windham Hospital/Hartford Healthcare.

Mr. Lodewick announced that he was stepping down as Board President after 15 years at the helm. Mr. Lodewick said it was a privilege to serve as Board President for so many years and recognized his fellow Board members for their leadership, support, and friendship.

2) Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3) Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2015 Annual Meeting

Matt Hart made a motion to approve the June 11, 2015 minutes. George Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

4) Remarks from Howard Kaufman and Lou Marquet, Principals with LeylandAlliance

Howard Kaufman and Lou Marquet provided a Power Point presentation that encompassed the journey of creating Storrs Center.

Both Mr. Kaufman and Mr. Marquet noted that Storrs Center was the highlight of their careers and noted the friendships developed from working with the community for 12 years.

With respect to the final steps in the current footprint of Storrs Center, Mr. Marquet noted that the Main Street Homes construction should be done by Thanksgiving. Mr. Kaufman said Leyland has signed a lease for a 7,000 square foot sports bar on Wilbur Cross Way.

Mr. Kaufman and Mr. Marquet then showed a video that partners EdR produced for its investors on Storrs Center.

5) Election of Directors to the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc., Board of Directors

Mr. Lodewick, Chair of the Nominating Committee, said the Committee was recommending Anne D'Alleva, Shamim Patwa, and Steve Smith to serve on the Partnership Board for a three-year term. Mr. Lodewick asked if there were any nominations from the Floor. Hearing none, Mr. Hart made a motion to elect Anne D'Alleva, Shamim Patwa, and Steve Smith to three-year terms on the Board of Directors until June 30, 2019. Betsy Paterson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

6) A.J. Pappanikou Volunteer of the Year

Tom Callahan, Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee, recognized Cara Workman as the AJ Pappanikou Volunteer of the Year. He noted that he had actually hired Ms. Workman and said any event at UConn has her mark on it as Director of University Events and Conference Services. Ms. Workman's commitment on the Partnership's Advertising and Promotion Committee and her initiation of the downtown pup crawl were a few reasons why Ms. Workman was chosen as the Volunteer of the Year. Ms. Workman thanked Mr. Callahan for the Volunteer of the Year award and commended Kathleen Paterson, Partnership Communications and Special Projects Manager, for her work on behalf of the many Partnership events.

7) Recognition of Board Members Mona Friedland, Riley Hasson, Steve Rogers and Bill Simpson

Mr. Lodewick recognized outgoing Board members Mona Friedland, Riley Hasson, Steve Rogers, and Bill Simpson for their service on the Board.

He noted Ms. Friedland's service on the Finance and Administration Committee and her strong fundraising and organizational skills, as well as her willingness to volunteer for so many Partnership events. Ms. Friedland said it had been a pleasure to serve on the Board and reiterated her long term support for Storrs Center.

Mr. Lodewick recognized Ms. Hasson's role on the Board as its UConn student representative, and her role of ensuring that the downtown reflected input from the student community.

Mr. Lodewick said Mr. Rogers had served on the Board from the beginning, serving on the Executive Committee and as chair of the Business Development and Retention Committee. As Chair of the Business Development and Retention Committee, Mr. Rogers led the Committee through a transition from a focus on the smooth relocation of existing businesses, to the solicitation of businesses downtown, to the promotion of businesses downtown. Mr. Lodewick recognized Mr. Rogers for his long time dedication to the Partnership. Mr. Rogers reflected on his own journey as a member of the community when he opened a Subway in Storrs 40 years ago, and his efforts through the Mansfield Business and Professional Association, and then the Partnership to improve the business community and create a downtown.

Mr. Lodewick also recognized Bill Simpson, who was not in attendance, for his service as COO of the UConn Co-op and on the Board for many years.

8) Recognition of President Philip Lodewick

Vice President Steve Bacon followed by Tom Callahan, Matt Hart, Betsy Paterson, Howard Kaufman, and Cynthia van Zelm, recognized the incredible leadership of Mr. Lodewick in chairing the Partnership, and

creating Storrs Center. As Mr. Bacon noted, his shoes will be very hard to fill. All the speakers also made special note of Mr. Lodewick's wife Christine (who was in the audience) for her steadfast support of Mr. Lodewick and the Partnership.

9) Adjourn

Hearing no other business, a motion was made by Matt Hart and seconded by Betsy Paterson to adjourn. The motion was approved and the Annual Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.